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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: B-F Pre-Kindergarten

Provider No.: 28429

Address: 502 N Main St, Bridgewater, IA, 50837

County: Adair

Director's Name: Kristen Walker

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 10/12/2026

Licensing Period: 11/01/2026 to 11/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 11/12/2024

Comments: fire inspections are due every three years

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		8:00 AM to 11:30 AM	
Tuesday			
Wednesday		8:00 AM to 11:30 AM	
Thursday			
Friday		8:00 AM to 11:30 AM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	30	0	30
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to B-F Pre-Kindergarten on 10/12/26. The preschool is non-profit and overseen by a Board. Kristen Walker is the director. Her family purchased the school building several years ago from the school district. B-F Pre-Kindergarten is a small preschool program for children ages three through five years old. The preschool is located in the old Nodaway Elementary School in Bridgewater, Iowa. Classes are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8 AM to 11:30 AM. Kristen has been the director and lead teacher since 2002. Kristen has her CDA, BA degree in Elementary Education, and has several reading and prekindergarten endorsements. Kristen is also the director at Immanuel Little Lambs Preschool in Greenfield, Iowa. I met with the director, Kristen Walker, during my licensing visit. There are 13 children enrolled in the program and 10 were present during my visit.

Observation of rooms:
Both programming rooms look great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The children were having fun playing in the activity centers. I observed the children painting, doing an art project, playing with toys, and having snack. They then put the toys away and the children sat in a circle around Kristen. They read a book and practiced the sound of the letter F. They then sang and danced to the music. Once the children were done singing and dancing, they went outside for the remainder of the morning. Kristen and her assistant teacher, Roberta, were present. They had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and nurturing. The preschool uses Highlights Curriculum, Creative Learning Curriculum, Owls Learning Curriculum, Handwriting Without Tears Learning Curriculum, and One-way from Scholastics Curriculum. Kristen had lesson plans/activities. The center provides fun events throughout the year i.e. Christmas program, grandparents night, a dinner, carnival, gals night, and guys night. They have a family activity every month. They have conferences in March and October.

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Nutrition:
The center provides the daily snack. Kristen said she follows the CACFP food program guidelines even though they are not on the CACFP. They have a snack menu.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented. The center also practices an active shooter drill but uses a different name so the children know what to do if they hear the word, but they don't realize why they are doing the drill. The center uses bleach water for sanitizing. Radon testing was completed in March 2023 with a test result of 3.8 pCi/L. Radon testing is due every five years if the results are below 4.0 pCi/L. Kristen reported that the building has all electrical appliances.

Playground:
The center has a playground area and monthly inspections were completed. They also have an indoor gym. The center is currently using the grassy area in front of the center. They have riding toys and the children play games such as hide and seek.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. The program takes walking field trips in the area.

Administrative records:
Kristen's file was reviewed. Kristen is missing her annual professional development hours and Universal Precautions. Three children's files were reviewed. One was missing the name and number of a dentist, one was missing their annual physical exam, and one was missing permission for field trips on non-center activities. Kristen maintains excellent communication with parents and provides a monthly calendar/newsletter of events and a weekly note. She also provides monthly homework to the parents for the children to complete. Parent teacher conferences are held twice a year.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

B-F Pre-Kindergarten is a wonderful resource for the community. The preschool is family owned. Kristen Walker has many years of experience in preschool/child care and education fields. She has her CDA and her Elementary Education Degree with Reading and Pre-K endorsements. She is confident as the director and is very enthusiastic and proud of her centers. Kristen is also the director at Immanuel Little Lambs Preschool in Greenfield, Iowa. Kristen and Roberta had excellent interactions with the children. The center has participated in dental and vision screenings for the children. The center has a couple of fundraisers a year that have been very successful - i.e. a drive through supper and ordering items. Kristen identified their strengths as the staff enjoy being with the children, it is community minded and they have good community support, growing enrollment, they like to have fun, they learn through play, and they have successful fundraisers.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training. Kristen's file was reviewed. Kristen is missing her annual professional development hours and Universal Precautions.

109.9(2)i: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary. Three children's files were reviewed. One was missing the name and number of a dentist, one was missing their annual physical exam, and one was missing permission for field trips on non-center activities.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended for 11/1/26 to 11/1/28.

Targeted Assessment Behavior Management
I discussed with Kristen her oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1. Understand expectations, 2. Managing frustrations, 3. Monitor performance. Kristen has PBIS training. There are two staff each day and they are able to talk about what is going on with all the children. They take turns with a child if they are struggling until they can figure out what works.

Date: 10/22/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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